

validated, standardized mental health screening tools during each annual medical exam of a recipient described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 19, 2017: Yeas 119, Nays 29, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1600 on May 26, 2017: Yeas 128, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

CHAPTER 1029

H.B. No. 1608

AN ACT

relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships for foster youth.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.1251 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.1251. SUMMER INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish a summer internship pilot program that provides foster youth with the opportunity to develop marketable job skills and obtain professional work experience through a summer internship with a participating business, nonprofit organization, or governmental entity.

(b) The department may collaborate with other state agencies, as appropriate, to establish the pilot program. The pilot program may be implemented in more than one department region.

(c) The department may enter into an agreement with one or more entities described by Subsection (a) to allow the entity to award internships to youth who participate in the pilot program. Internships provided under the pilot program may be paid or unpaid.

(d) Not later than April 1 of each year, the department shall select foster youth or former foster youth who are 15 years of age or older to participate in the pilot program. Each youth participating in the pilot program shall enter into an agreement with the organization awarding the internship and the department relating to the terms of the youth's internship.

(e) The department shall complete an evaluation of the pilot program not later than the second anniversary of the date the program begins.

(f) The department shall submit a report on the evaluation of the pilot program to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives. The report must include:

- (1) the number of youth who participated in the pilot program;*
- (2) the location and type of internships provided under the pilot program; and*
- (3) details of the department's efforts to recruit eligible youth to participate in the pilot program.*

(g) *The executive commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.*

(h) *This section expires September 1, 2021.*

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall establish the pilot program required by Section 264.1251, Family Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1608 on May 24, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**DEVELOPMENT OF A QUALITY-BASED OUTCOME MEASURE
FOR THE CHILD HEALTH PLAN PROGRAM AND MEDICAID
REGARDING CERTAIN PERSONS WITH HIV**

CHAPTER 1030

H.B. No. 1629

AN ACT

relating to the development of a quality-based outcome measure for the child health plan program and Medicaid regarding certain persons with HIV.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 536.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(f) *The commission, in coordination with the Department of State Health Services, shall develop and implement a quality-based outcome measure for the child health plan program and Medicaid to annually measure the percentage of child health plan program enrollees or Medicaid recipients with HIV infection, regardless of age, whose most recent viral load test indicates a viral load of less than 200 copies per milliliter of blood.*

(g) *The commission shall include aggregate, nonidentifying data collected using the quality-based outcome measure described by Subsection (f) in the annual report required by Section 536.008 and may include the data in any other report required by this chapter. The commission shall determine the appropriateness of including the quality-based outcome measure described by Subsection (f) in the quality-based payments and payment systems developed under Sections 536.004 and 536.051.*

(h) *In this section, "HIV" has the meaning assigned by Section 81.101, Health and Safety Code.*

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services shall develop and implement the quality-based outcome measure required by Section 536.003(f), Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.